



On the passing of our Beloved Board Member Feda Almaliti

The Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) Board of Governors and staff are shocked and saddened by the passing of Alliance Board Member Feda Almaliti and her son Muhammed, who died on Saturday in an accidental house fire. Feda, a long-time advocate for children with development disabilities was a member of the Alliance Board of Governors since May of 2016 and sat on the Alliance's Member Advisory Committee. Feda also served as Vice President on the National Council on Severe Autism, as well as Vice President of the Autism Society of the San Francisco Bay Area. She served on the Board of the Mental Health and Autism Insurance Project and contributed as a Human Relations Commissioner in Fremont.

Feda spent many years working tirelessly so that her son Mu and other children with severe autism and other disabilities would have access to the resources and services needed to achieve long-term wellness. Feda's knowledge was instrumental in helping the Alliance understand how to best serve our members with autism and other intellectual disabilities. Her passing is a significant loss for the Alliance family and our entire community. The Alliance will continue to honor Feda's legacy by working to improve the lives of families and individuals with developmental disabilities, by further advocating for the needed resources, and by establishing an autism quality award in her name.

Feda will be remembered as a hero for the autism and disability community, a dear friend to many and a dedicated mother.